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NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK

IMPORTANT EVENTS IN FEW WORDS

FOR BUSY READERS.

Record of the Busy Week's Happenings, Carefully Compiled and Put into Handy Shape for the Readers of Our Paper.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Fire destroyed \$1,500,000 worth of property at Rio Janeiro recently. Fire did \$3,000 damage at R. Anderson & Co's machine shop, Toronto. Sparks from a stove ignited the clothing of a nine-month-old child of Thomas Tynes, Dartmouth, N.S., and before help came the infant had perished.

MARINE MATTERS.

The Emperor of Germany has appointed the Duke of Edinburgh grand admiral of the German navy. Four schooners are being fitted out at Seattle for the sealing season. The British steamer Fernside, from Odessa for Christiania, has been wrecked. The captain and eight men were in one of the boats, are missing. Owing to the depression in the shipping industry, several British and European steamers are laid up at British and 90 at continental ports. As a result, 5,000 men are idle.

THE DEAD.

Albert Deloit, the French novelist, is dead. Carlo Alberto Caspi, bandmaster of the Seventh regiment, New York, is dead. Dr. Kellock, collector of inland revenue at Perth, died suddenly of heart failure. Flora Fontaine, colored, has just died at Columbia, S.C., aged 117 years. She was taken to Columbia as a slave at the age of 15, and lived there up to the time of her death. Major James P. Frost, financial editor of the Boston Globe, and one of the most widely known journalists of New England, died suddenly a few days ago of heart failure. John Burns, who had made a fortune in lead mine and oilfield at oil, died in the posthouse at Galena, Ill., last week, aged 101. He chewed and smoked tobacco all his life. Anton von Schmeidler, who is noted as one of the founders of the Austrian constitution, is dead. Miss E. Lister, who went from Perth, Ont., as a volunteer for mission work among the Indians of British Columbia, has died of pneumonia. She was in charge of the Presbyterian Girl's Home at Alberni. Lord Elphinstone, who was a large shareholder of C. P. R., also in the S. Ry., and interested in Northwest lands, died recently at Mueselberg, Scotland. A son of his, engaged in ranching south of Virden. His lordship resided in Canada in 1891. Mr. Cousins, of Amherstburg, Ont., one of the oldest settlers in the district, has died, aged 83. Mr. Kenneth Cameron, of Sheep Creek, N.W.T., died recently with great suddenness; it is supposed from failure of the action of the heart. Sophia Albrecht died recently in New York from the effects of poison, which she took in the absence of her husband. She was a cripple and of a melancholy disposition, owing to the fact that she had no children. Mrs. J. Bray, one of the oldest settlers of North Dartington, has died of paralysis. Horace Smith died recently at Springfield, Mass., leaving almost the entire portion of his wealth to charitable institutions, which is estimated at \$3,000,000. May Anne Nelson was recently found dead in a shallow near Chicago. She was a colored woman, and used to state she remembered lighting Washington's pipe for him, before the revolution, and claimed to be 84 years old. Bridget McGrath, an old woman, died recently at Montreal, Que., from the effects of a burn by her clothes catching fire.

MURDERS.

At Mount Holly, N.Y., Wesley Warner has been convicted of murder in the first degree for killing Lizzy Peak. The coroner's jury at Saginaw rendered a verdict of guilty of wilful murder against George Furey, charged with shooting his brother. At Whitehall, N.J., Noni Bott, 26 years of age, shot and killed her sweetheart, Edward Smith, aged 21, during a quarrel, and then killed herself. A number of cowboys in the Choctaw Nation had a battle with Winchester and revolvers the other day, and Will Nevins and Jack Langdon were killed. The lynchers at Bakersville, N.C., have succeeded in getting and hanging Galvin Snipes, the alleged murderer. Seven of the sheriff's posse and about twenty-five of the mob are reported killed, besides a long list of wounded. John Quincy Adams, a well-to-do resident of Indianapolis, Ind., was recently found lying in a pool of blood in his room, murdered. "Lobbers" is the supposed motive of the atrocious crime, as he was known to have some money in his possession at the time. The Chippewa and Potawatomi Indians at Eagle River recently had some bad whisky and put on war paint. A battle ensued, in which three of the former were killed and several of the latter seriously injured.

Beaton, the latest addition to the towns of Manitoba, since the opening of the Pipestone section of the C.P.R. is growing well. Quite a number of buildings are under way—a C.P.R. station and public hall being among the number.

CASUALTIES.

Nelle Miller was burned to death in a fire in a house in Buffalo. She returned to rescue a pet poodle. An immense ice gorge at Cincinnati broke and a number of boats were sent to the bottom of the river. Captain Woolsey, of Troy, N.Y., was killed by the explosion of a dynamite cartridge, which he had in his pocket. Three iceboats and fifteen men got into open water while sailing a race in a regatta on Toronto bay recently, and Geo. Aykroyd was severely injured. Clara King, the young woman who accidentally stabbed and killed Sidney McCoy during an amateur theatrical performance in San Francisco on New Year's eve, has been executed by the coroner's jury. Daniel McCulloch, of Woodstock, was hunting in company with a young man named Elstone. Elstone's gun was accidentally discharged, and McCulloch's right leg was shattered. Mrs. Elizabeth Coates, wife of a dyer in Philadelphia, Pa., who, after cleaning her kitchen with the garment on her arm, which accidentally took fire, and immediately enveloped her in flames, the hot soot badly burned her face and neck, and she died in great agony from the effects. A little son of five years old was also badly burned while endeavoring to extinguish the flames that he noticed on his mother's face.

A lake schooner passenger train recently struck a sleigh at Rockwell Junction, Toledo, O., killing two farmers almost instantaneously and fatally injuring another. Sixteen people were found recently in a new row of buildings in Chicago, come by gas, two of whom are likely to die. As a sleighing party was returning from Woodstock to Pawtucket, while crossing a grade near Lonsdale, a locomotive of a freight train dashed into the sleigh, by which eight persons were killed on the spot and fourteen were more or less severely injured. A man named John Little, of Sandwich township, Ont., was recently, probably fatally, injured by a falling tree. A scaffold fell recently at Cornwall, Ont., in the Canada Cotton mills, killing John McDonald, brother of the reeve, and injuring several others.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

Public works are under way in Russia to give work to the unemployed. Québec has 1,500 unemployed working men. They want to have the citadel repairs begun at once to provide work. Some 800 unemployed men were recently addressed by a socialist orator in Brussels with the result that they broke into bars and shops and took all the bread they wanted and threw the rest out into the street. An encounter took place between them and the gendarmes, which several of them received severe wounds. Stones were thrown by the rioters at the gendarmes and some of them were badly injured.

SUICIDES.

Edward H. Farnsworth, of Detroit, was arrested for forgery and shot himself dead on the way to the police station. At Halifax Wm. Jenny, aged 65, placed the stock of a gun in a stove and held the muzzle to his breast until the trigger exploded. He died from his injuries. Young Tomlinson, who a few weeks ago left his home at Crawfordville, Indiana, suddenly after forging his father's name, blew out his brains with a revolver. Mr. L. P. Brunson, of Branson, Curry & Co., wholesale flour dealers, died suddenly a few days ago; it was supposed from natural causes. It now appears that in a quarrel with a man named J. J. George, on his ill-health, he shot himself in the presence of a friend. Arthur Black, a classical and mathematical teacher of Hore, a suburb of Brighton, Eng., recently killed his wife and child, and afterwards committed suicide by taking poison. From the appearance of the unfortunate woman's head, it is thought she was beaten to death with a hammer. A young man named Robert George and a nephew of J. J. George, a United States senator, committed suicide on his way to prison at Istatena, Minn., recently. He was charged with the murder of Capt. W. B. Prince, the most prominent and wealthy planter of the state.

POLITICAL.

Five of a revolution grows in Bilefay Ayres on account of the irregular conduct of the government. Mrs. Mary E. Lease has withdrawn from the contest for the United States senatorship in Kansas. It is officially denied that a treaty of alliance between Brazil and Chili was signed in Rio Janeiro. It is authoritatively stated that Daniel S. Lamont will be Cleveland's next master-general. James B. Fiske, of Louisiana, is spoken of as the next secretary of state. The Russian general Romanoff and Tolstoy declare the Panama affair will have no effect upon the friendship Russia entertains for France, and that a war with Germany would be very popular. The czar has ordered the Ministry of the Interior to transfer to the Holy Synod the administration of all Church affairs. This order is certain to result in putting further vexatious restrictions on non-Orthodox religions, and will probably lead to religious persecutions. A. P. Cockburn has been nominated by the Miskoka Reformers for the next contest for the local house of legislature in Ontario. Mr. Mercier has left Rome, and is on his way back to Canada. He is expected to arrive in Montreal by Feb. 2nd.

The London Guarantee and Accident Company have paid \$2,250 to the Government at Ottawa, being the amount of the shortage of Brewer, the late accountant of the House of Commons, and his assistant.

The South Essex, Ont., Conservatives have nominated C. G. Fox for the next local contest. A motion is being brought forward by Mr. Cooke to abolish the legislative council in Quebec. Several prominent ministers are reported to have promised it their support. The Government will not allow it an open question. La Patrie, the chief French Liberal paper of Montreal, has recently denounced Sir John Thompson's government, and charges it with attempting to suppress the French-Canadian element. It says the French-Canadian will never submit to English and Protestant domination in Canada; that if necessary to assume the title of Emperor of Russia, which is supposed to be a set-off to Queen Victoria's title of Empress of India. A new cast of arms has been completed with this object in view, the design being a double eagle, flying across the entire globe.

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THE WEATHER.

Two persons have been frozen to death at Toulouse, France, and one at Boydeau. Steamers arriving at Grand Haven, Mich., are covered with ice, and they had a terrible battle in the storm. The New England coast was swept by a fierce storm last week, and much damage was done at Long Branch and other summer resorts. Over \$100,000 damage was caused to boats and coal fleets a few nights ago at Cincinnati by the breaking of an ice gorge in the Ohio river. For the first time in seven years the Niagara is frozen to the mouth, and people are crossing freely. An ice bridge so early in the season has never been known before.

Chief Justice McFarlane recently declared at Prince Albert after completing an inspection of the Hudson Bay Co's post in the Cumberland district. He travelled for two months in the far north, and reports severe weather and very deep snow everywhere. Reports from the continent state that the intense cold has not abated. Several deaths of wayfarers are reported in the neighborhood of Thon. Twenty-five miles of floating ice was reported off Cape Charles, the weather being very bad and very cold. Four ships went ashore.

The snow has gone completely on the Nicola ranges, B.C., and cattle are fed on the great snow banks. The Government has not yet received any reports from Nicola for many years at this early date. Some ranchers in Nicola began plowing this week.

OF LEGAL INTEREST.

Mr. E. Martin, Q.C., has been elected president of the Hamilton Law Association. Seven of the suits against the Grand Trunk for the St. George disaster have been settled. The plaintiffs get in all \$25,000.

RELIGIOUS.

Rev. F. W. Dobs has been the pastor of the Anglican church at Port Huron, for 29 years. Horrible outrages on the Stundists, a Russian dissenting sect, have occurred in the Province of Kiel. The Pope has refused to withdraw his support from the French government on account of the Panama scandal. A Christian pilgrimage to Jerusalem will take place next autumn. Archbishop Farrar will deliver six lectures in Jerusalem during the month of September. The Roman Catholic cathedral at Cincinnati is to be mortgaged to secure \$250,000 to pay a dividend to the late Archbishop Purcell's creditors.

The St. Petersburg Jews have had, through lack of funds, to sell their synagogue on the Officers street. Turks have bought it and will make a mosque of it. Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, Minn., declares that the alleged eugenical letter going the rounds of the country, purporting to be from Pope Leo XIII's pen, is a hoax and false in every particular.

Rev. M. D. Evelyn, British priest, of Sorrel, Que., has been elected confessor to Mr. Moreau, bishop of Hyacinthe. It is looked upon as a victory for Bishop Moreau, whose nominee he was. John H. Eddle, stranger, late of St. Anne de Manitoba, has recently abjured the Protestant faith at Ottawa and was "absolved from heresy" and baptised by Vice-General Bouthier, so that he might marry Louise Elmore Lecourt.

Dr. Frank G. Dossert's "Messe Solenne" is to be produced at St. Peter's church in Rome by order of his holiness Leo XIII. on next Easter Sunday. An ecclesiastical court of the evangelist association in Cleveland, O., tried the Rev. S. Holman for certain utterances against association officials. He resigned his pulpit and left the church with some of his followers. Bishop Burnham has intimated that he will not allow Heiminger to preach again as he is declined to withdraw his statements.

It is expected that Archbishop Corrigan, of New York, will receive a severe admonition from the Pope in regard to his opposition to the appointment of Bishop Saffell. The new papal legate will reside at Washington. It is rumored that Archbishop Saffell is not to be apostolic delegate to the States after Feb. 1. He is destined, it is said, to be replaced by Cardinal Gibbons. His successor at Washington will be as not as yet transpired.

THE CRIMINAL RECORD.

A London letter says Charlie Mitchell is working a treadmill in Pentonville jail. The suspects arrested in connection with the Homestead poisoning cases have been released. There is now no doubt that Charles de Lesseps has told the French government all he knows about the Panama canal scandal.

A worthless fellow named Thrift murdered a wealthy farmer in Georgia because the latter would not lend him a quarter. Thrift escaped. A number of arrests have been made in connection with defalcation in the state of Pueblo, Mexico. The amount involved is \$300,000. The prison population of New York state has increased over 22 per cent during the past ten years, while the increase in population was only 18 per cent.

Patrick Fenton, who accidentally killed Miss Minnie Davis at Highland Creek on December 26, was sentenced at the York Assizes to three months' imprisonment. The prominent physicians and a nurse, of Centralia, Washington, are arrested, charged with causing by malpractice, the death of Alfred Wright, an aged Canadian from Lindsay, Ont.

CRANKS.

Four Russians suspected of being nihilists, have been arrested in Paris. Effort is being made to establish a scientific method of the spirit world will be established in a few months. Mayor Babbitt, of Taunton, Mass., thinks he can control the drink traffic by fining every saloon-keeper \$5 for every conviction of drunkenness.

WORLD OF INDUSTRY.

New York has a piano combine. A war of the breweries has brought down to \$4 a barrel in St. Louis. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has declared war against organized labor. The Halifax sugar refinery has declared a half-yearly dividend of 6 per cent. A Cincinnati dispatch says all the iron pipe companies of the United States have combined. Official returns show a very serious falling off of the shipping trade of the Maritime Provinces. A dispatch from Trenton, N. J., says the Reading coal combine has been broken by the withdrawal of the Jersey Central railroad from it.

IN LABOR'S DOMAIN.

The working girls of Toronto have organized into an association. The German miners' strike has taken an alarming turn and the men are becoming very riotous. The application of the factory laws, reducing the hours of labor in factories, mines, etc., has caused a reduction of wages throughout France. Many strikes have resulted, notably in the department of Nord.

MUNICIPAL.

Last year Montreal spent \$2,250,000 in widening and improving its streets. The total debt of the city of New York is \$98,985,051—an increase of \$1,116,339 during the past year. The by-law to reduce the number of licensed houses in Paris was defeated by a small majority on the popular vote. After making all deduction ordered by the Court of Revision and the county judge, the total assessment of the city of Toronto for the year 1892 is \$1,547,560,335, or \$300,000 less than for 1891. The order of the Woodstock license commissioners requiring bar-rooms to be closed at ten o'clock at night has been steadily ignored. Several hotel-keepers convicted of violating the regulations have appealed, on ground that the commissioners have no power to enforce their order.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Lily Langtry is rapidly recovering from her severe attack of illness. Mr. M. C. Upper has resigned his position as judge for the county of Haldimand. Mayor Wallbridge, of Belleville, is not yet 32 years old, is a bachelor and a Conservative. It is rumored to Brooklyn that the Rev. Dr. McGlynn would probably become professor of rhetoric in St. John's College. Lieut. Robert E. Peary is actively engaged at Philadelphia in his preparations for his expedition in the spring to the Arctic regions. The Pope has declined to receive Senator Vallier, the Spanish envoy recently appointed, on the ground that he has written immoral novels. Henry Villard has severed his connection with the Northern Pacific Railroad. It is supposed he will be given a cabinet position by Cleveland. On April 22nd next a decree of general amnesty will be issued in Italy, on the occasion of the silver wedding of King Humbert and Queen Margherita. The comet medal of the Astronomical society of the Pacific coast has been awarded to Edin Holmes of London, Eng., for his discovery of the unexpected comet on November 6. Charles H. North, who three years ago was a millionaire pork packer, is now in the House of Correction at East Cambridge, Mass., for a debt of \$703. All the friends of his prosperous days had departed, and he could get no bail. From all parts of France come accounts of many deaths from exposure. A new counterfeit two dollar Dominion note is on the market. It is badly executed.

GENERAL.

A baby farm has been found in Hamilton, Ont. Typhus fever has become epidemic in New York city. Fourteen new cardinals have been created by the Pope. Hamilton consumed 4,004,156 gallons of water, last year. More arrests are expected in connection with the Panama canal investigation. Eight Russian miners have been released after ten days' imprisonment in a flooded pit. An oval field is said to have been discovered in Washington Territory, near Walla Walla. Severe earthquake shocks are reported in both the northern and southern provinces of Chili. Small pox has broken out among the Italians at Homewood, Pa., where five cases have developed. A petrifed man, weighing 700 pounds and in perfect preservation, has been dug up at San Lake City. Typhus fever is raging at Zacatecas, Mexico, where there were 600 cases and 60 deaths recently in a week. It is reported that the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio railroad lost \$1,000,000 during the last year. Forty-nine were killed and twenty burned by a railway accident to a train running from Slatousk. Butler's brain weighed four ounces more than that of Daniel Webster, which was the largest on record. Sir Fitzroy Donald Maclean, hereditary chief of the Clan Maclean, will be invited to visit the World's Fair. During December British imports decreased \$5,380,000 and exports decreased \$740,000, as compared with the corresponding month last year. The long-talked-of outbreak against the Jamaica government has taken place. Several battles have been fought. Grand Master Powderly has denounced the Pinkerton detective agency very strongly. He says: "The human bloodhounds must be exterminated from every state in the Union." An immense national temperance meeting has been held at Glasgow, looking towards the passing of an enactment for the suppression of the drink traffic in Scotland.

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They are the abstract and brief character of the "Horse" section.

Mr. J. Frame, M. P. P., spent Saturday in town.

Two gentlemen intended starting a weekly paper at Hartley shortly.

By order of council, No. 4282, Mr. W. M. Cuthbert was appointed License Commissioner for 1900 in District No. 1.

One of the Indian children at the Home named Edward Bear, died on Saturday about 1 o'clock after a few days illness.

There will be no morning service in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday next, service in the evening as usual.

The Union Sunday School reopened on Sunday last, after being closed for a week or two while the fire was in the town.

A tea was held in connection with the Presbyterian Ladies Aid at the residence of Mrs. Rogers on Tuesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Struthers, who have been visiting Mrs. Combs for some weeks, returned to their home at Brandon on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carwin, Mr. Mayhall and Mr. A. E. Wilson attended the Bazaar at Brandon on Friday last, and report having had a very pleasant time.

The B. T. T. is preparing having an open meeting in the town hall next Tuesday evening. A good programme of vocal and instrumental music is being prepared by the members, and an enjoyable time is anticipated.

A fire broke out in Preston, S. Morris dry goods establishment, Winnipeg, on Monday last, the damage was considerable. Another fire occurred the same night in the Harris block, when Ridgway's liquor store and Wells' clothing establishment was completely gutted.

We have a straight tip to give away to anyone who is on the lookout for a good investment. Buy up all the thermometers you can lay your hands upon. They are very low just at present and are sure to rise before Spring.

The holiday number of the Carberry Express has come to hand; a well finished 14 page magazine. It contains amongst other interesting matter a "write up" of the town of Carberry, with the photographs of the leading men of the place and a few items. Altogether it is a very creditable number.

Mr. Sam Bosch, of Kola, left for Brandon on Friday week. It is reported that he intends spending a week only in the city, and that his time will be fully occupied, as he hopes to make the acquaintance of the future Mrs. Bosch there, court her, gain her consent, marry her and bring her home—all in six days.

Mr. Frank Ridgway had a narrow escape from having his house burnt down about a week ago. It was late at night, and all were in bed, when it was discovered that the roof where the stove pipe entered, was on fire. The three occupants of the house got to work, and by using a plentiful supply of snow and water, the fire was brought under control before any serious damage was done.

The sum collected some months ago, by Mrs. Combs for the General Hospital at Brandon amounted to \$92.25. Of this, the greater part has been paid, but there are a few who put their names down on the list for small sums and have neglected to hand in the money. We feel sure that these only need reminding of the fact, and they will at once be only too pleased to redeem their promises in aid of an institution which has been of so great benefit to the people of this district.

Mr. J. F. Frame, M. P. P., Hon. Pres. of the Elkhorn Curling Club, has been a generous offer of a medal, to be contested for shortly by the members. It is intended that, as in the case of the President's Trophies, each side will in turn play every other side, and the members of that rink which gains most matches, will play off a contest themselves, the winner of the greatest number of games taking the prize. This will be the third scheduled contest played amongst our curlers this season and should the other Hon. Pres., Hon. T. M. Day, present the club with another trophy (as we understand he will), the members will have their time pretty fully occupied till the end of the season.

We have experienced some terribly cold and rough weather this week, and the train service has been demoralized. On Monday No. 2 left Elkhorn at 4:30 p.m. and after passing Virdin stuck fast in the snow. A second engine was sent up from Alexander and a third from Brandon, and after some hours delay on the prairie, the train was got out. One passenger, Mr. Brown of Elkhorn, was the following day the source of trouble from Brandon was cancelled, the express from the west was cancelled, that from the east was twelve hours late, and the local from Brandon to Winnipeg, collided with the passenger. Nearly all telegraph communication was cut off.

On Tuesday last a meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church was held. Dr. Robinson suggested the formation of Elkhorn and Woodville into a pastorate, and promised if the church would call a pastor to grant them aid for three years, two hundred and fifty dollars first year, one hundred and fifty, second year, and one hundred, the last one. The matter was then discussed as to the advisability of calling a minister, and who should be. Eventually it was unanimously decided to invite Mr. J. H. Sinclair, who labored in this church in 1891, and a petition is being taken around and liberally signed, requesting his return, which it is generally expected he will cordially accept, as he has just completed his university course.

When we were in Brandon lately, we learnt that Mr. Owen of Beulah had purchased from T. B. McGregor & Co. the Imperial Cleveland Bay stallion, Billington's Pride (Ch. C. B. S. B.). Mr. Owen has paid a long figure for this horse and deserves to receive a good show of patronage from the farmers of this district this coming season, as a horse of this stamp is the right sort for the country, being heavy

enough to log a heavy load to market and so home at a good pace. Billington's Pride is a very well-shaped horse with a beautiful neck and head. His feet and legs are of the best and he moves with fair even action all round, and great sturdiness. He was shown in 1897 at the Great Yorkshire held in Middleborough, and in a class of "thirty-two" (one of the largest classes in England of this breed), secured a highly commended card. He stands 16.1 hands high, and weighs about 1600 lbs. His breeding is of the very highest. His pedigree traces through the head stock all over the horse to the best of the most fashionable strains. For symmetry and shape all over the horse is hard to beat. It will be interesting to our readers to know that Billington's Pride has been entered for the coming horse show to be held in the World's Fair grounds, Chicago, next August. This fact alone shows that Mr. Owen has purchased the best horse that money could buy.

A Representative of the Advocate visited a couple of days this week, and was shown through the new hotel, Hamilton, recently erected by Messrs. Holmes and Canfield, and which has been leased by Mr. Steve White, late of the Virdin House, which was destroyed in the last fire. It is a grand structure, three stories high with basement, is situated on the corner of Seventh Avenue and Wellington street. It is very nicely finished in the interior, while the exterior will be bricked up as the weather permits, is well heated throughout with furnaces and stoves and is very comfortable in the coldest of weather. The building is admirably planned, on the ground floor is a cozy and bright sitting room, very commodious and excellently arranged dining hall, elegant sample rooms, and a well lighted and very attractive bar room, besides kitchen, lavatory, etc. On the second floor there are twelve comfortable bedrooms, well-furnished with the best furniture, and a beautiful parlor, charming in the extreme. The third floor has also twelve bedrooms, and a fine sitting room. Mr. White has furnished the house and carpeted it in a very elaborate and tasty manner, the material used being the best that could be procured in the Province. It is one of the finest hotels west of Winnipeg, and under the able management of Mr. and Mrs. White, travellers and others may rely upon receiving every care and attention. Arrangements are being made for a grand supper to be held in this hotel by the S. T. Andrew's Society.

The following matches have been played in the single handed curling competition. Fraser beat Sinden. Stevenson beat G. Broadley. J. Broadley beat Wilson. Carwin beat Angus. Douglas beat Dixon. Roy beat Fraser. Webster beat Parker. Carwin beat Fraser. Penman beat Miller. Johnson beat Mayhall. Gilroy beat Cuthbert. Johnson beat Rogers. Gilroy beat Cavanagh. Cushing beat Donaldson. Roy beat Stevenson. Mowat beat Stewart. Travis beat Atkell. Travis beat Mowat. Douglas beat Penman. Mayhall (bye). Carwin beat Fraser. Webster beat Broadley. Carwin beat Gilroy.

BIG FIRE AT BRANDON.

THE BEAUBIEN HOTEL BURNED TO THE GROUND IN DAYLIGHT.

Brandon, Jan. 31st.—At half past four this afternoon a fire broke out in the sitting room on the second floor of the Beaubien Hotel, here, and although strenuous efforts were made by some of the inmates of the house to put it out, it was soon seen, almost before the fire engine arrived, that the building was doomed. A strong wind was blowing from the north and had it not been for the excellent work performed by the fire brigade, who worked with a will against terrible odds, the stables and out buildings on the south side must have been destroyed. The fire commenced at the time was 45° below zero, and this made it very difficult to handle the hose. The furniture, etc., was nearly all saved, but the House, which was one of the oldest in Brandon having been built in 1882, was entirely destroyed in the fiery elements. It is believed that Mr. Beaubien, the proprietor, and son of the man who gave his name to the House, held a good insurance on the place.

DISCOVERY AND EXPLORATIONS IN THE HOLY LAND.

AN ABLE LECTURE DELIVERED LAST NIGHT BY THE REV. DR. ROBERTSON.

On Wednesday evening last, thanks to the enterprise of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid, a very able and interesting lecture was delivered in the Presbyterian church on "The discovery and explorations in the Holy Land" by Dr. Robertson, Sup. of Missions. In a masterly manner the lecturer dealt out facts and figures so startling and extraordinary as to almost make one question the veracity of his statements. After informing his hearers of the objects and means of support of the exploring party, he showed the benefits, scientific, religious and literary, that have already accrued from their investigations. He showed how the mystery of the Hittites that sceptics have long been casting about, has been elucidated by an authentic description of them given on one of the tombs of the kings. Interrogated as to whether the discoveries in any way contradicted the scriptures, he stated that an original Bible discovered in 1890, disclosed the fact that the account of the creation, and the fall was recorded some two thousand years before the time of Moses. It was also found that Cyrus was not the King of Persia, as recorded, but King of Elam, Persia being one of the countries over which he ruled after conquest. He gave a very interesting account of the discovery of the Sarcophagus, where the bodies of twenty-nine Egyptian Kings were entombed and described, amongst them being the tyrant that made slaves of the children of Israel. He recounted the civilization of the people 3200 years ago equal that of the present regime. The science,

arts, literature, mechanical and architectural skill of those days, equalled if not surpassed that of the present days. The pyramids were immense and remarkable specimens of mechanical and engineering skill. The largest was one-eighth of a mile long, and yet the joints of the stones which in the whole length combined, did not measure more than the thickness of a man's thumb, and the layer of cement between the first row of stones, and the foundations was no thicker than a sheet of paper, and so accurate were the builders that to-day the foundations of one of the obelisks, weighing 400 tons, is found so correct as not to be a hairbreadth out of the horizontal. The tools and earthenware revealed a superior taste and skill in modern times. The clay figures the Obelisks had been prepared had been unearthed, and an obelisk in course of construction, with tools in an excellent state of preservation had also been found. "Brick without straw" as well as those with, had been found, thus authenticating the scriptural account of the captivity of the children of Israel. Much more of an equally interesting character was given, for which we have unfortunately neither time nor space to give. Upon a motion of W. M. Cuthbert and T. B. McGregor, a vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. Robertson.

FLEMING.

THE GATEWAY TOWN OF THE N. W. T.

A man of our acquaintance recently attended the Church of England service and seemed deeply impressed with the prayer, "The next Thursday night at his own birth and death, Good Lord deliver us".

Last Sunday evening after service, a horse was left standing on our street for about two and a half hours, or perhaps longer, while its owners made a call. At one time it broke loose, when a woman passing it again and covered it, but it was so uneasy, the cover was continually falling off. It was one of the bitterly cold nights of the season; any person capable of such cruelty, should be placed in the same position, with the thermometer at 90 degrees below zero; while they were made to read the words, "A merciful man is merciful to his beast"; and read it for the same length of time the poor horse stood in the cold, that bitter night.

Mr. Van Potter returned home a week ago from his business in the States, and to bring home the partners of his joys and sorrows as was expected. The inference is that one of Fleming's fair daughters is to be the future Mrs. Van.

In reply to "A Bird's News" in last issue, another of Fleming's "poets"—with which that in embryo city seems to abound, took up the gauntlet and wrote a reply which was posted in Fleming post office. To which the writer of "A Bird's News" sends an answer as follows:

TO THE POST OFFICE POST OF FLEMING.

Post office is a pretty place
To stick your little rhymes,
Why not stick on a three-cent stamp,
And send them to the Times.
But then you may not have the stamp.
Did friends refuse to send?
Just pass around your hat or cap,
And get wherewith to send.
The Irish Ocean, Tribune, World,
(Chicago and New York)
Would gladly take your caustic lines
And pay you for your work.
Such rhyme as that too lofty is
For such a lowly fate,
And set to note, why man alive!
Do not be known too late.

A poet's "laurel wreath" should twine
Around thy noble brow
The Laureate poet's vacant place
Will not be waiting long.
The bird which you held converse,
A lying fool, (low) was he,
I fear he has disgraced his nest,
If such a thing could be.

Just put a little pinch of salt
Upon his little tale, (tail)
And take him gently by the neck,
Nor listen to his wail.
Then ring his nasty little neck
For telling such a lie,
And then to say such vulgar things
No other bird will try.

The decent little bird I saw,
Would never talk so vile,
I do not see where you can find
A bird so full of guile.
I think it must have been a crow,
You "interviewed" so sound,
For they are easily always found.
And did he teach you that bad word,
To call a person, "fool"?
Take my advice, to such a bird
No longer go to school.
"Be sure you're right, then go ahead,"
A saying, trite and true,
Another proverb has been said,
"Doth sit, put on the shoe."

BEULAH BITS.

Another odd snap just to remind us that it is not quite spring yet.

One of the most successful concerts we have ever been favored with took place on Thursday night last at Minota school house, and although it was a bitterly cold night the room was crowded. The musical program was given by Messrs. Gurney and Vincent. Mr. Brown gave us "I seek for thee" and on being encored, "Take back the heart," in his usually excellent style, but the piece de resistance was a robust farce entitled "Marrying in a Hurry" which was given in a very amusing manner by Mr. A. D. Clyde. The Misses Lynch, Miss Reynolds, Mr. Taylor of Beulah gave us two good old Scotch songs which were encored. Mr. Thompson read a very amusing piece on the art of seeking a home. The singing of the school children was very good. Miss Reynolds fairly brought down the house with her recitation, "Lil' ole Jim." The thanks of the district are due to Messrs. Lynch, Clyde, Irwin and Gallely, the promoters of a most pleasant evening.

A meeting was held at Beulah town hall on Friday at two o'clock, in the presence of the Minota Northern Railway Company. Mr. Crawford, Mayor of Beulah, Mr. Patterson, a director of same company

and Mr. Young, Reeve of Beulah addressed the meeting. Mr. Doyle of Beulah was elected to the chair. Mr. Crawford then addressed the meeting calling for the support of the Minota Northern Railway of Minota in helping to promote a north and south line of railroad from Beulah north through Beulah south through the Municipality of Minota crossing the main line in the neighborhood of Virdin or Elk Horn, either on to Melita or connecting with the Northern Pacific at Bottineau, Dakota. A scheme which he pointed out had much in its favor and few drawbacks, a scheme which he said would throw open the vast timber resources, salt springs, amber and other wealth of the north, and would connect with the immense coal fields to the south. Mr. Young made a very good speech in favor of the company, and after the motion was passed that the meeting was in sympathy with the undertaking, provided the proposed line should be run some where within two miles either side of the centre line north and south of Minota. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

Mrs. Jarley's was works at Arrow River last night. As the telegraph line has been broken down by the enormous weight of snow, no reports to hand at present.

The driving shed at the church at Beulah is starting to heave, a sure sign of early spring.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

DAY.	MAX.	MIN.	SNOW.
Thursday.	-17.	86.	
Friday.	-7.	-29.	
Saturday.	-8.	-31.	3in.
Sunday.	-20.	-40.	
Monday.	-24.	-44.	8in.
Tuesday.	-26.	-40.	
Wednesday.	-35.	-49.	3in.
Highest reading, 27th. Jan.,	-7.		
Lowest reading, 1st. Feb.,	-49.		

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